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SUBJ :SPECIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON ENFORCEMENT
OF IATTC CONSERVATION MEASURES

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FISHATT IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH AMBASSADOR FERNANDO CASTRO
Y CASTRO, AND IF APPROPRIATE, UNDER SECRETARY FOR FISHERIES
MEDINA NERI, WITH FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO CASTRO'S DESIRE FOR
EXPANDED AGENDA AND LONGER TIME PERIOD RE SUBJECT MTG:

1. USG IS WILLING TO DISCUSS OTHER SUBJECTS AT TIME OF
PROPOSED MEETING ON ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING ISSUE OF ADE-
QUACY OF PRESENT REGULATORY SYSTEM AND ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS
TO REPLACE IT. THIS IS A TOPIC OF GREAT INTEREST TO USG
AND WE ARE CERTAINLY WILLING TO DISCUSS IT AT LENGTH WITH
THE IATTC COUNTRIES AND TO WORK TOWARD A RESOLUTION OF
PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRESENT REGULATORY SYSTEM,
WITH A VIEW TOWARD CHANGING THE SYSTEM.

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2. USG DOES QUESTION, HOWEVER, WHETHER OR NOT THE VARIOUS

DELEGATIONS WILL BE PREPARED TO FULLY DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE LIMITED TIME FRAME. IT IS UNDERSTANDING OF USG THAT A MECHANISM, NAMELY WORKING GROUP ON ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY SYSTEMS, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT AND THAT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF IATTC ARE COMMITTED BY 1974 IATTC RESOLUTION TO MEET WITH A VIEW TOWARD CHANGING THE REGULATORY SYSTEM

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTANDING OF USG THAT AN INFORMAL TIMETABLE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORKING GROUP, CHAIRED BY AMIN ZARUR, IATTC COMMISSIONER FROM MEXICO. THIS TIMETABLE INCLUDES TECHNICAL WORK BY BOTH US AND MEXICO, WHICH IS PRESENTLY GOING ON, TO BE FOLLOWED BY MEETING OF FULL WORKING GROUP IN LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL.

3. IF CASTRO OR OTHERS HAVE A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF TIMETABLE FOR CONDUCTING WORK OF WORKING GROUP OR BELIEVE THAT THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS ARE IN A POSITION TO FULLY DISCUSS AND PROPERLY DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION AT THIS TIME, USG WOULD BE WILLING TO INCLUDE THIS TOPIC ON AGENDA OF SUBJECT MEETING. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT, EVEN ASSUMING ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS FULLY IT MAY BE USEFUL TO HAVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY SYSTEMS TO BE FOLLOWED BY MORE COMPREHENSIVE MEETING OF WORKING GROUP LATER.

4. USG VIEWS BOTH SUBJECTS AS BEING VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC TUNA FISHERY. USG HAS RECOGNIZED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE PRESENT REGULATORY SYSTEM AND THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT OR CHANGE.

THE USG ALSO RECOGNIZES HOWEVER THAT EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT IS VITAL TO THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF ANY REGULATORY SYSTEM. THE USG DOES NOT CONSIDER THESE TWO SUBJECTS AS NECESSARILY RELATED TO EACH OTHER, BUT RATHER BELIEVES EACH TO BE A LEGITIMATE ISSUE IN ITS OWN RIGHT. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CONSIDERATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE PRESENT REGULATORY SYSTEM WOULD BE USEFUL EVEN IF THE SYSTEM WERE TO BE LATER CHANGED, SINCE THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS

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NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT ARE LIKELY TO BE SIMILAR. THE USG DOES NOT CONSIDER ONE SUBJECT TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OTHER, BUT PLACES IMPORTANCE ON IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM SINCE THE CLOSED SEASON IS UPON US AND PAST EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT VIOLATIONS WILL BE LIKELY.

5. SUGGESTION BY CASTRO THAT MEETING BEGIN MAY 27 NOT

POSSIBLE BECAUSE THIS DATE IS US HOLIDAY AND THUS PRESENTS
DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF CONFERENCE ROOM. IT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO BEGIN MEETING ON MAY 28.
MEETING COULD THEN RUN 4 DAYS TO MAY 31 OR 3 DAYS TO
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